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sunrising, we marched on our way, three and three in a rank* until we came into a field under a grove ; where the Indians came upon us, asking us, " What people we were ? and how we came there ? "

Two of our company, namely, ANTHONY GODDARD and JOHN CORNISH, for that they could speak the Spanish tongue, went to them, and said, " We were Englishmen, that never came in that country before: and that we had fought with the Spaniards: and for that we lacked victuals, our General had set us on shore."

They asked us, " Whither we intended to go ?

" We said, "To Panuco."

The captain of the Indians willed us to give unto them some of our clothes and shirts*

Which we did.

Then he bade us give them all.

But we would not so do. Whereupon JOHN CORNISH was then slain with an arrow, which an Indian boy, that stood by the captain, shot at him ; whereupon he [*the chief*] struck the boy on the Beck with his bow that he lay for dead, and willed us to follow him.

Who brought us into a great field, where we found fresh water. He bade us sit down about the pond and drink; and he, with his company, would go, in the mean space, to kill five or six deer, and bring them us.

We tarried there till three o'clock, but they came not. There one of our company, whose name was JOHN COOKE, with four others, departed from us into a grove to seek relief; where presently they were taken by the Indians and stripped as naked as ever they were born ; and so returned.

Then we divided ourselves into two parts ; half to ANTHONY GODDARD, and the rest to JAMES COLLIER : and thus severally we sought for Panuco.

ANTHONY GODDARD, with his company, bade us farewell. They passed a river, where the Indians robbed many of them of their clothes; and so passing on their way, came to a stony hill where they stayed,

JAMES COLLIER with his company, that day, passed the same river, and were also robbed, and one of them slain by chance.

"We came that night, unto the hill where ANTHONY